Antigo School District Awarded Fab Lab Grant
Representative Felzkowski Celebrates Announcement

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Madison, WI – Yesterday, Wisconsin celebrated Fab Lab day with the announcements of twenty-two Fab Lab grants awarded to school districts across the state, including an $18,300 grant to the Unified School District of Antigo for the expansion of their Fab Lab.

The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) awarded $504,863 in grants to school districts to be used for either creating a new Fab Lab or expanding an existing one. The Fab Lab grant program was established following the 2015-17 state budget, and communities around the state are already experiencing the benefits that Fab Labs provide.

Representative Mary Felzkowski (R-Irma), an early champion of Fab Labs, commended Governor Walker and the WEDC for the state's continued investment in this program, "Fab Labs provide our students with the chance to learn new skills, practice creative problem-solving and sharpen their critical thinking. They are an innovative and effective way to invest in our state's children by allowing them the opportunity to gain more hands-on experience in technology, engineering and manufacturing. They are able to hone skills they will need once they join the workforce, whether they are planning on participating in an apprenticeship program, attending a technical college or a four-year institution.

"I want to congratulate the Unified School District of Antigo for receiving this grant, and I look forward to seeing the enhanced and expanded Fab Lab in the future. Our Fab Lab is an asset that serves our students, schools and businesses, and will continue to enrich our community for decades to come."

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Attached to this press release is a photo of Representative Felzkowski attending the Grant Award Ceremony at Antigo High School.